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SUBJ: TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT AMBASSADOR

STOESSEL'S SWEARING-IN

REF: MOSCOW 1057

BEGIN TEXT

AMBASSADOR STOESSEL, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,

I AM TOLD THAT AMBASSADOR STOESSEL WAS DEBATING BEFORE HE ENTERED THE FOREIGN SERVICE WHETHER HE WAS GOING TO GO TO HOLLYWOOD OR TO WASHINGTON. I AM DELIGHTED FOR THE SAKE OF MY LATER CAREER THAT HE DECIDED TO GO TO WASHINGTON, FOR MANY REASONS.

THERE IS NO POST IN OUR FOREIGN SERVICE THAT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAVE AT THIS MOMENT THAT IS MORE CRUCIAL TO THE PEACE OF THE WORLD, TO WHICH WE PAY MORE ATTENTION, THAN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION IN THIS COUNTRY

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ABOUT THE NATURE OF DETENTE, WHERE WE ARE GOING, AND WHAT

WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH. WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE ON

THE COURSE ON WHICH WE ARE EMBARKED IS NOT SIMPLY AN AGREE-  
MENT ON THIS OR THAT ISSUE BUT A QUALITATIVE CHANGE IN THE  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES THAT HAVE IT IN  
THEIR POWER TO DESTROY HUMANITY, AND EQUALLY THAT HAVE IT  
IN THEIR POWER TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER FOR  
ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

WE BELIEVE THAT IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET  
UNION, BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, IS  
IN THE INTEREST OF ALL OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. AND  
IT IS A COURSE ON WHICH WE WILL PERSEVERE, ON WHICH WE HAVE  
ALREADY MADE GOOD PROGRESS, AND ON WHICH WE EXPECT TO MAKE  
EVEN MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT I HAVE PARTICULAR PLEASURE  
THAT AMBASSADOR STOESSEL WILL NOW BE GOING TO MOSCOW. HE  
IS AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE. HE HAS THE FULL CONFIDENCE OF  
MYSELF AND OF THE PRESIDENT. AND WE HOPE THAT HE CAN PLAY  
IN MOSCOW THE SAME DISTINGUISHED ROLE THAT AMBASSADOR  
DOBRYNIN HAS PLAYED IN WASHINGTON. AND IF HE CAN CONTRI-  
BUTE AS MUCH TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES AS AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN HAS CONTRIBUTED HERE  
THAN I KNOW THAT THE OBJECTIVES THAT I HAVE DESCRIBED  
WILL BE REALIZED. SO I WISH WALT WELL, FOR THE SAKE OF  
OUR FOREIGN POLICY, FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD,  
AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE STAKE THAT ALL PEOPLES HAVE IN  
REDUCING THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR WAR AND IN IMPROVING THE  
WELLBEING OF MANKIND.

END TEXT.

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